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## SHAKA, THE KING OF ZULU

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Confidence is his tool  
 Pride is the flag he holds  
 Tribute is the sound of the drums  
 which speak his name  
 Revolution is the emblem he wears  
     The "assegai" is the weapon of peace  
     The "shield" is the song of war and  
         the life of lasting history  
 Bantu is the special tactics of  
     Warfare  
 The Zulu regiment unite in tight formation  
 like the sand bricks of the pyramid of  
 Cheops blending with the Nile (River)  
 The rings of time tell of the Bantu warfare  
 While the elders of Zulu speak the history  
 of the great king  
     The Nile River flows quickly  
     The Blue Lily sways gently  
     The Zulu nation sings (the African)  
         click songs of victory  
 While the drums beat the rhythm  
     of Shaka's wars.  
 The ancestors of my forgotten heritage  
 whisper to me of Shaka's history and  
 I begin to write what I remember  
 (from my dreams) - Shaka this South  
 African King, who built (a small)  
 Zulu nation into a powerful force  
 He fought for freedom  
 He fought for peace  
 He fought for unity